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SUBJ: WELFARE OF SENATOR AQUINO

1. MRS. ANITA AQUINO FAGAN, A COUSIN OF SENATOR BENIGNO AQUINO, HAS INFORMALLY INQUIRED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE SENATOR. MRS. FAGAN, WHOSE HUSBAND IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, SAID SHE IS THE ONLY AQUINO RELATIVE LIVING IN THE U. S. SHE HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM A PHYSICIAN TO BENIGNO AQUINO WHO SAID HE WAS " INTELLECTUALLY WELL", WHICH MRS. FAGAN TOOK TO BE AN IMPLICATION THAT HIS PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION MAY BE DETERIORATING.
2. NEW YORK TIMES APRIL 7 CARRIED MANILA DATELINE STORY RE PETITION BY SENATOR TANADA BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT ASKING THAT THERE BE RESTORED TO SENATORS AQUINO AND DIOKNO RIGHTS TO COUNSEL AND TO HAVE VISITORS. STORY INCLUDED INFORMATION THAT ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL INFORMED COURT THAT TWO SENATORS WERE " SAFE AND WELL" BUT THAT THEY HAD BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO BECAUSE OF THE " SMUGGLING OUT OF PROPAGANDA MATERIALS FROM THEIR CELLS."
3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE, WITHOUT DRAWING ATTENTION TO ANY SPECIAL INQUIRIES, WHICH WE COULD PASS ON INFORMALLY TO MRS. FAGAN REGARDING HEALTH AND WELL- BEING OF SENATOR AQUINO. ROGERS

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